

THE DIVINE AND THE UNDIVINE

divine Idea and Will behind it. Then we
see
clearly enough that what we have done
by ourselves.
in our ignorance was yet overseen and
guided in
its result by the invisible Omniscience;
we discover
a greater working behind our ignorant
working
and begin to glimpse its purpose in us:
then
only can we see and know what now we
worship in
faith, recognise wholly the pure and
universal
Presence, meet the Lord of all being and
all Nature.
As with the cause,—the Ignorance,—so
is it with
the consequences of the Ignorance. All
this that
seems to us incapacity, weakness,
impotence, limita-
tion of power, our will's hampered
struggle and
fettered labour, takes from the point of
view of the
Divine in his self-workings the aspect of
a just
limitation of an omniscient power by the
free will
of that Power itself so that the surface
energy shall
be in exact correspondence with the
work that it
has to do, with its attempt, its allotted
success or
its destined because necessary failure,
with the
balance of the sum of forces in which it
is a part
and with the larger result of which its
own results
are an indivisible portion. Behind this
limitation
of power is the All-Power and in the

limitation that
All-Power is at work; but it is through
the sum of
many limited workings that the
indivisible Omni-
potence executes infallibly and
sovereignly its.
purposes. This power to limit its force
and to work
through that self-limitation, by what we
call labour,
struggle, difficulty, by what seems to us
a series of
failures or half-baulked successes and
through them